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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 520)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to teachers, including the assessments
2 administered to practitioner preparation program admission
3 candidates and to practitioner preparation program students
4 prior to students' completion of a practitioner preparation
5 program, and certain specified licenses for teachers created
6 by the board of educational examiners, and including notice
7 and applicability provisions.
8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code
2 2022, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. Procedures provided for approval of programs shall
4 include procedures for enforcement of the prescribed standards
5 and, ~~except as provided in section 256.16, subsection 3,~~ shall
6 not include a procedure for the waiving of any of the standards
7 prescribed.

8 Sec. 2. Section 256.16, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
9 2022, is amended by striking the paragraph.

10 Sec. 3. Section 256.16, subsection 2, Code 2022, is amended
11 to read as follows:

12 2. A person initially applying for a license shall
13 successfully complete a practitioner preparation program
14 approved under section 256.7, subsection 3, and containing the
15 subject matter specified in this section, before the initial
16 action by the board of educational examiners under chapter
17 272 takes place. ~~However, this subsection shall not apply to~~
18 ~~a person who meets the requirements for an initial one-year~~
19 ~~license in accordance with subsection 3.~~

20 Sec. 4. Section 256.16, subsection 3, Code 2022, is amended
21 by striking the subsection.

22 Sec. 5. Section 272.2, subsection 14, paragraph b,
23 subparagraph (5), Code 2022, is amended to read as follows:

24 (5) The applicant fails to meet board standards for
25 application for an initial or renewed license. ~~However, this~~
26 ~~subparagraph shall not apply to a person who applies for an~~
27 ~~initial one-year license and submits to the board a waiver~~
28 ~~issued by the director of the department of education in~~
29 ~~accordance with section 256.16, subsection 3.~~

30 Sec. 6. Section 272.2, subsection 22, Code 2022, is amended
31 by striking the subsection.

32 Sec. 7. HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS — NOTICE TO FORMER
33 STUDENTS. All higher education institutions providing
34 practitioner preparation shall notify students who failed
35 to achieve the minimum passing scores set by the department

1 of education on the assessments administered under section
2 256.16, subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (2), Code
3 2022, before the effective date of this Act, of the changes
4 related to the completion of a practitioner preparation program
5 provided by this Act, including the student's ability to
6 apply for an initial license from the board of educational
7 examiners if the student completed all other requirements of a
8 practitioner preparation program approved under section 256.7,
9 subsection 3.

10 Sec. 8. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to students who
11 attended or are attending practitioner preparation programs
12 before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

13 EXPLANATION

14 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
15 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

16 This bill relates to the assessments administered to
17 practitioner preparation program admission candidates and to
18 practitioner preparation program students prior to students'
19 completion of a practitioner preparation program.

20 Current law provides that the state board of education
21 shall adopt rules requiring all higher education institutions
22 providing practitioner preparation to, prior to a student's
23 completion of the practitioner preparation program, administer
24 either subject assessments designed by a nationally recognized
25 testing service or a valid and reliable subject-area-specific,
26 performance-based assessment centered on student learning.
27 Current law also provides that an institution may administer a
28 preprofessional skills test offered by a nationally recognized
29 testing service to candidates for admission to the practitioner
30 preparation program. An institution that does so must report
31 to the department of education the percentage of students
32 whose scores on the assessments were above, at, and below the
33 minimum passing score set by the institution, and shall report
34 any services or opportunities to retake the assessment that
35 the institution may make available to a student who fails

1 an assessment. Additionally, current law provides that the
2 department shall compile the reports and publish the compiled
3 information on its internet site.

4 The bill strikes the ability of an institution to administer
5 a preprofessional skills test to admission candidates and the
6 corresponding reporting requirements related to that test.
7 The bill also strikes the requirement that an institution
8 administer subject assessments designed by a nationally
9 recognized testing service that measure pedagogy and knowledge
10 prior to a student's completion of the practitioner preparation
11 program or a valid and reliable subject-area-specific,
12 performance-based assessment for preservice teacher candidates.

13 The bill requires all institutions providing practitioner
14 preparation to notify students who, before the effective date
15 of the bill, failed to achieve the minimum passing scores set
16 by the department on the assessments administered prior to a
17 student's completion of the practitioner preparation program of
18 the changes the bill makes to the requirements related to the
19 completion of a practitioner preparation program.

20 The bill applies to students who attended or are attending
21 practitioner preparation programs before, on, or after the
22 effective date of the bill.

23 The bill makes conforming changes.